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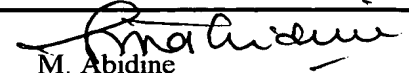
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- ☐ IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION
- ☐ INFORMATION ONLY

2. COMMUNICATION:

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US97/07317**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

IPC(6) :C12N 5/10, 15/87, 15/88

US CL :435/325; 424/93.21

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/325; 424/93.21

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

APS, STN

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	KIM, et al. Interleukin-secreting Mouse Fibroblasts Transfected with Genomic DNA from Murine Melanoma Cells Prolong the Survival of Mice with Melanoma. Cancer Research. 15 May 1994, Vol 54, pages 2531-2535, see entire document.	1-53
Y	BHOOPALAM et al. Surface Immunoglobulins of Circulating Lymphocytes in Mouse Plasmacytoma. II. The Influence of Plasmacytoma RNA on Surface Immunoglobulins of Lymphocytes. Blood. April 1972, Vol. 39, No. 4, pages 465-471, see entire document.	1-32, 44-49, 51-53

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim N .
Y	<p>VILLARREAL, L.P. et al. Common Mechanisms of Transformation by Small DNA Tumor Viruses. Washington, D.C.: American Society of Microbiology. 1989, Chapter 1, pages 1-17, see entire document.</p>	33-43, 50-52

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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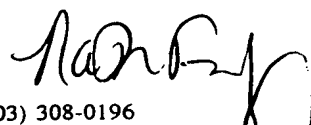
Applicant's or agent's file reference 1579-218	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US97/07317	International filing date (day/month/year) 30 APRIL 1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 30 APRIL 1996
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(6): C12N 5/10, 15/87, 15/88 and US Cl.: 435/325; 424/93.21		
Applicant DUKE UNIVERSITY		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  28 NOVEMBER 1997	Date of completion of this report  18 FEBRUARY 1998
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**I. Basis of the report**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-31 , as originally filed.  
pages NONE , filed with the demand.  
pages NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1-53 , as originally filed.  
Nos. NONE , as amended under Article 19.  
Nos. NONE , filed with the demand.  
Nos. NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1-4 , as originally filed.  
sheets/fig NONE , filed with the demand.  
sheets/fig NONE , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-53</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-53</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-53</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

Claims 1-53 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest cells and methods for treating tumors or infections using antigen-presenting cells that are loaded with RNA obtained from the tumor or pathogen. The prior art does not teach nor fairly suggest that these cells may also be used for expansion of CTL in vitro (out of the patient).

----- NEW CITATIONS -----  
NONE